



HIGHLIGHTS

Graduation Issue

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*“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.”*

- Matthew 11:28

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

A BRIEF RECAP

Mr. Ron Koole, Principal

As the end of the 2021 -22 school year quickly approaches, a little reflection is in order. From many points of view, this year presented challenges. The School Board can attest to that. Several of her committees worked "overtime" to meet these challenges.

The Building Committee stayed busy overseeing the music room construction and the renovation project. Projects like this take careful coordination and constant communication. The Bosveld crew plus the Building Committee chairman, Jason Kregel, did yeoman work. Thanks goes out to all who made this project a huge success.

The Education Committee always has plenty to do to make the education of the children distinctive and profitable. Interviewing and hiring teachers is an important part of the yearly duties of this committee. Finding teacher(s) to fill in for 7th grade proved challenging. When Plan A failed, Plan B was put into operation. Thanks goes out to Val Minderhoud and Kara Kamps for filling the need. Suzanna Smit has been hired for their position for next year (Read the Education Committee Report).

Due to the loss of 12 families and 32 students (over \$100,000 in tuition income), unexpected prior to the start of the new school year, the Finance Committee was challenged to find ways to offset this loss of budget-approved revenue. They asked for your help and help you did! A huge thanks to all who have supported Hope School with their giving. The drives and church collections have exceeded budgeted amounts. God be praised. The school remains debt free.

So the building looks great and is serving the staff and students well (what a blessing the new music room is), the teaching positions are all filled for next year (DV), and the finances are in good order. All this to rear and nurture the youth of God's covenant.

The highlight of the year has to be the 75th Anniversary celebration. The Special Anniversary Committee planned a wonderful celebration in January, taking as the theme, "Praising Thy Works: One Generation to the Next" based on Psalm 145:4, "One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts". A wonderful anniversary booklet was also published to commemorate this milestone in Hope School's history.

The theme of the All-School Program, "Our Faithful God", also reminded us that the Lord has been good to us preserving our school through several generations. To God be the glory.



In this *Highlights* we recognize and congratulate our sixteen 8th grade graduates. We pray the Lord's blessing on their continued studies at CCHS (or in Tasmania or Crete as the Lord leads) next year. We also recognize those parents whose youngest child attending Hope School graduates this year: Jonathon & Tricia Kamps, Rev. John & Amy Marcus, Heidi Meulenberg, and Brad & Julie Schwarz. We thank them for having their children educated at Hope School and pray for their continued support in the future.

Enjoy your reading of the year-end edition of the *Highlights*. Note the supply lists as well as the abbreviated 2022-23 school calendar.

FOUNDATION BOARD REPORT

Jason VanOostenbrugge, Chairman

Matt DeBoer, Gerald Feenstra, Dave Langerak, Josh Meulenberg, Andrew Veldman

The Hope School Foundation Board has been busy again this past year. We have hosted 3 events and have been staying on top of the portfolio that everyone has helped build over the past years.

The three events that we hosted were the Golf outing, Sporting Clay, and Pinewood Derby.

The Golf Outing took place in June and had a great turn out. The past 2 years it has taken place at Sunnybrook Country Club and we plan to have the outing here again this year on June 20th. This is a beautiful private course and we have received nice feedback from the golfers and businesses that sponsor teams. It is a fun afternoon of fellowship, golf, dinner, and prizes. This has been a good fundraiser for the Foundation

The second event we hosted was the Sporting Clay. Whether you can shoot or not this is a fun morning of shooting clay pigeons out of the air. This year we tried out a new game that was a hit. As two from each team stood ready, clay pigeons were shot from all different directions at once. We had to see how many we could hit in the couple minutes allotted. This was a good way to get rid of extra ammo and show your skills of shooting under some pressure. It was a morning of donuts, lunch, and comradery. This year the Clay Shoot will be held on September 24th.

The third event we hosted was the Pinewood Derby. This is an event for the kids of Hope School. They get to make a wooden car from a kit, paint it, put weights in it, and race against their fellow classmates. We set up the track in the gym and have bleachers on the one side. All the kids are in the bleachers and watch and cheer their friends on as their cars come racing to the finish line. The kids were loud and excited and had a fun afternoon of racing, eating pizza, and drinking pop.

Although these events are some work, it is worth it when you see the fun that everyone has and see that it brings in money for the Foundation. We want to thank the businesses and individuals that sponsored this year. These gestures of monetary help are not unnoticed by the Board, the participants, and fans. Thank you very much as you make these events profitable and enjoyable for all.

This year the Foundation is giving a gift of \$50,000 to the school. This money is to help alleviate the tuition costs for the parents. The current portfolio is at \$838,629.49. This amount has gone up and down this past year. Year to date it is down .5% and is up approx. 28% over the past 3 years. Given the past few years have been very good to the account balance, the fund started to get heavy on the stock side. Recently we made some corrections to get the account back to a closer balance of stocks and bonds set forth in the bylaws.

We take this time to thank Gerald Feenstra for his 3 years of service on the Board and Jason Van Oostenbrugge for his 4 years of service on the Board. We are looking forward to working with our newest board member, Brandon Wassink. Thanks Brandon, for being willing to serve on the Foundation Board.

Our Lord and Father has truly been with and blessed Hope School. Each day we are in awe of our Father's wonderful kindness to us His children. Let us give Him thanks for all that He has done and keep this school in our prayers in the coming year.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Scott Moelker, Chairman
Dave Langerak, Dan Kalsbeek, Scott Kooienga

As the school year comes to a close, we give thanks to our heavenly Father for blessing us with another year of Protestant Reformed education at Hope School. We express our gratitude to Him for providing our administrator, teachers, staff, and board members with all they have needed to accomplish the work that was set before them. With the confidence of faith, we are sure that God has richly blessed these labors for the spiritual and academic growth of our covenant children.

Soon the classrooms and halls will be empty as the teachers and students take a well-earned rest and summer vacation. Since this is the final education committee report for the school year, we'd like to mention an addition to the teaching staff for next year, as well as changes to board membership, education committee members, and board officers due to recent society meeting elections.

We are pleased to report that our 7th grade homeroom teacher position has been filled. Suzanna Smit has accepted our contract and is planning to join our staff for the 2022-2023 school year. Suzanna is a member of Hope PRC Redlands, California. She has a BA in Social Science with a certificate in Career and Life Planning from California State University, Chico. She is currently finishing her student teaching under the oversight of Mr. Rick DeVries at CCHS with the goal of receiving a teaching credential this June in the Social Sciences for grades 6-12, which includes U.S. and world history, geography, political science, and economics.

We are very grateful for the work of Mrs. Val Minderhoud and Mrs. Kara Kamps in 7th grade and the junior high this year. They started the school year understanding that while we anticipated a full-time teacher to begin the year, they could possibly be teaching for a few weeks, a few months, or the entire school year. We thank them for their excellent work and the loving attention they gave to our students for the entire year!

Our technology committee (a sub-committee of the education committee) went through routine tech maintenance, the tech inventory sheet, and reviewed activity over the past few months. There were minimal issues. All three chrome carts are being used and no issues from GoGuardian that monitors activity. They are getting prices for 25-30 new Chromebooks and licensing, and they have a list of projects to work on this summer.

We welcome the following new board members elected at the April annual society meeting: Brad Schipper (Hope), Joshua Meulenberg (Grace), Matthew DeBoer (Grandville), Joel DeVries (Southwest). At the May Board meeting the following officers were elected: President-David Langerak, Vice President-Scott Kooienga, Secretary-Dan Kalsbeek, Assistant Secretary-Joel DeVries, Treasurer-Brad VanderVeen, Assistant Treasurer-Josh Meulenberg. We extend our thanks to outgoing board members, Trevor Kalsbeek, Jason Kregel, Jason VanOostenbrugge, and Scott Moelker. We are thankful for the unity and brotherly love we experienced during these years together. May this continue to be true for the men serving on the Board in the years ahead.

We welcome new board member Matt DeBoer to the Education Committee. As the new vice-president of the Board, Scott Kooienga will now take over as chairman of this committee.

We thank our administrator and all our teachers for their faithful labors over the past year. We remember you in our prayers as you stand in the place of us as parents. May our Heavenly Father continue to bless your work for the glory of His name and for the good of His Church.

ANNUAL SECRETARY'S REPORT 2022

Dan Kalsbeek, Board Secretary

The school year 2021-2022 is progressing well. The official school year runs from July 1 to June 30 each year and we have seen a few changes since July 1, 2021.

With sorrow we have witnessed 12 families and 32 students leave our fellowship here at Hope School. This has had an impact on the student life as well as the Hope School Society. Shortly, we will be voting on the removal of 20 society members that have consented to having their names removed from our society rolls. Many of these men have served on the School Board at Hope School over the years and have been supporters of Hope School both monetarily and with volunteering time to help out here at school. Psalm 77:19 "Thy way is in the sea, and thy path in the great waters, and thy footsteps are not known."

The loss of these families and society members has had an impact on the school's finances and budget as well. The Board thanks the society for its generous giving to the fall drive to help make up for the budget shortfall due to the loss of the 12 families.

At the last Society meeting, the Board informed the society that a contract had been signed by Ethan Kalsbeek to take over the duties as the new 7th grade homeroom teacher. Due to the Covid-19 virus and immigration issues surrounding the closing of the immigration offices and the backlog of applicants, Ethan was unable to move to Michigan from Canada. The Board was able to sign Valerie Minderhoud (mornings) and Kara Kamps (afternoons) to fill in the 7th grade homeroom this year. As a Board, we thank Valerie and Kara for their work this past year and we thank our God for His provision.

The Board has hired Suzanna Smit from our Redland's congregation to fill the 7th grade homeroom position for the 2022-23 school year. The current teachers in the remaining grades have all signed contracts to return again next year. The split fourth grade class will be combined under the capable hands of our fifth-grade teacher Brian Dykstra. This frees up Rebecca Boeve who will be taking on the work in the resource room with Jill Reitsma. In addition to the work of the teachers, we recognize the faithful service of our support staff and many volunteers: the Motor Movement ladies, the Reading Together volunteers, the library assistants, the assistants in music and art, the School Circle and their assistance with hot lunch, many fundraisers and an extensive list of other contributions, the teacher aides, the bus drivers, the room mothers, the grounds keeper and the school handyman, the list goes on. The Board thanks all of you for your dedication to the on-going work here at Hope School. The Board also thanks our administrator as he is finishing up his 26th year as administrator here at Hope School.

The Building Committee has been busy with the upkeep and the maintenance of the school facility. The committee reports that the music room is complete along with the upgrades to the front office/Ron's office, the teachers' lounge and the library. A more detailed report will be present under 9 on the agenda.

This year the Board is recommending a budget of \$1,168,148.00 which is a decrease of \$23,378 or 1.96% from this past year's budget. The Board is also recommending a pay increase of \$3,000 each for the teaching staff. The Finance Committee's proposed budget has the cost of tuition increasing 8% since last year. The Finance Committee is pleased to inform the Hope School Society that the music room addition and the office/library/teacher's lounge remodel has been completed below budget. Thanks to all who have volunteered their time to keep the costs within the budget.

The Circle Contact Committee of the Board met with the School Circle officers in January to review the monetary yearly commitments of the Circle.

The Transportation Committee has proposed to the Board and the Board agreed to not replacing Bus 15 at this time. This is due to the budget shortfall and the fact that Bus 15 is holding up well.

The Education Committee of the Board has been busy this past year as well. Aside from the routine work of the Education Committee, we conducted the annual interviews/reviews with the current teachers and staff in January. We also interviewed prospective teachers for the 7th grade position. The committee thanks Matt Elzinga and Jon Rutgers for their work as robotics team members. Jon has informed the committee that he will not be returning in the fall after 8 years of mentoring students in robotics.

From the Board, a special thanks to the 75th Anniversary committee of Mark and Candace Meulenberg, Herman and Lindy Hanko, Cal and Linda Kalsbeek, Dave and Mary Kregel and Vance and Sue Grasman for their work on the program, the booklet and the preparation of the school for the celebration. The celebration was well attended and many were able to see the recent renovations and the new music room.

We thank God for His faithfulness these many years in providing our covenant children with the instruction received here at Hope School. He is sovereignly in control, we rest assured.

Psalm 77:11-15 "I will remember the works of the Lord: surely I will remember thy wonders of old. I will meditate also of all thy works, and talk of thy doings. Thy way or God is in the sanctuary: who is so great a God as our God? Thou art the God that doest wonders: thou hast declared thy strength among the people."

Psalter 209:9

"Among the nations Thou has shown thy wondrous power and made it know; Thou art the God that mightily redeemed and set Thy people free."

2022-23 School Calendar

August 29	First Day of School
September 2-5	Labor Day Break
October 6	PTA
October 13-14	Parent/Teacher Conferences
October 20-21	Teachers' Convention
November 24-25	Thanksgiving Break
December 23-Jan 2	Christmas Break
January 20	End of 1 st Semester
February 9	PTA
February 16-17	Parent/Teacher Conferences
April 3-7	Spring Break
May 29	Memorial Day
June 1	Graduation

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Brad Vander Veen, Chairman
Scott Kooienga, Josh Meulenberg

The Lord continues to graciously and abundantly provide for the financial needs of Hope School. With only two months remaining in the 2021-2022 fiscal year, we are in a good financial position with regards to the overall budget. A review of the YTD financial statement shows that our income is at 90.8% of budget and our expenses are at 76.2% of budget. Our target position for both is 83.3%. On the income side, an overwhelming response to the drive has helped us stay ahead of a tuition deficit. On the expense side, we are tracking well under budget in the areas of group health insurance, payroll, and building and grounds. Keep in mind that any unspent building and grounds money will roll over into a fund at the end of the fiscal year, bringing that line item to 100%. Look for a final 2021-2022 budget synopsis in the next issue of the *Highlights*.

At the annual Society meeting a budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year was approved. Tuition will be increasing 8% on average next year. This is primarily due to the enrollment loss of 10 families during the 2021-2022 school year. The Hope Foundation has again pledged \$50,000 towards the operation of the school. The budget also has decreased funding of the long-range fund and bus depreciation fund in order to keep the tuition increases from being any higher. We plan to run a slight budget deficit during the 2022-2023 fiscal year, but after several consecutive years of a budget surplus this will not be a problem financially.

Thank you to all tuition paying families who have stayed up to date or ahead of tuition payments during the past school year. We are happy to report that throughout the course of the school year there was very little discussion about delinquent tuition. A reminder that the last tuition payment of the year is due in May, so please have that into the office by May 31st. If you need to make special arrangements, please contact a member of the finance committee.

Finally, with a new slate of School Board members comes new committee assignments. Thank you to Trevor Kalsbeek for his faithful service on the Finance Committee for all three years of his School Board term. We welcome Josh Meulenberg to the Finance Committee, where he will serve as vice-treasurer this year—and Lord willing as treasurer during the last two years of his School Board term.

The Finance Committee is very thankful to the individuals, families, and businesses that have given abundantly towards Hope School during a turbulent year. Please continue to keep the financial needs of Hope School in your prayers, and in your giving plans. We have no doubt that our Heavenly Father will continue to provide for us as we seek to provide and maintain a place of Christian instruction for our children.

Hope Protestant Reformed School Actual to Budget - Highlights Report

Actual to Budget. July 2021 - April 2022	Jul '21 - Apr 22	Annual Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Church Collections	45,720.83	44,000.00	103.91%
Gifts and Pledges	381,125.00	346,000.00	110.15%
Gym Rental	4,296.00	5,000.00	85.92%
Hope Foundation	50,000.00	50,000.00	100.00%
Special Ed Society	5,681.16	7,333.00	77.47%
Tuition	639,878.30	788,661.00	81.13%
Z - Bus Fees	15,064.95	16,000.00	94.16%
Total Income	1,141,766.24	1,256,994.00	90.83%
Expense			
Accounting Fees	5,800.00	6,450.00	89.92%
Band Expenses	2,000.00	3,000.00	66.67%
Building and Grounds - Y/E	848.27	43,000.00	1.97%
Class Trip Fund	1,500.00	1,500.00	100.00%
Educational Supplies and Books	30,000.00	30,000.00	100.00%
Federation Dues	3,616.89	4,125.00	87.68%
Insurance, General	14,489.03	14,041.00	103.19%
Insurance, Group	63,345.32	106,000.00	59.76%
Insurance, HRA - Y/E	3,000.00	4,000.00	75.00%
Insurance, Workers Comp	2,557.82	2,300.00	111.21%
Janitors Supplies	2,813.12	4,500.00	62.51%
Library Fund	1,700.00	1,700.00	100.00%
Long Range Building Fund Trans	37,500.00	45,000.00	83.33%
Miscellaneous Expense (+75th Anniv)	4,233.98	2,000.00	211.70%
Office Equipment - Y/E	0.00	1,000.00	0.00%
Office Supplies	1,231.96	1,000.00	123.20%
Payroll - Band / Choir	16,676.48	21,000.00	79.41%
Payroll - Building Maintenance	1,125.00	1,500.00	75.00%
Payroll - Discovery Room	30,936.00	46,000.00	67.25%
Payroll - Janitor	27,080.00	32,500.00	83.32%
Payroll - Lawn Maintenance	1,989.00	4,000.00	49.73%
Payroll - Librarian	2,982.00	4,200.00	71.00%
Payroll - Office	27,746.25	32,375.00	85.70%
Payroll - Substitute Teachers	630.00	1,000.00	63.00%
Payroll - Teachers	479,617.24	599,902.00	79.95%
Payroll - Teachers Aids	10,510.50	16,976.00	61.91%
Payroll - Technolgy Maintenance	125.00	3,000.00	4.17%
Payroll Taxes	42,526.75	58,165.00	73.11%
Phys Ed Uniforms	817.75	1,000.00	81.78%
Repairs and Maintenance	5,705.58	8,400.00	67.92%
Retirement Plan	14,388.70	18,744.00	76.76%
Snow Removal	2,528.75	3,500.00	72.25%

Hope Protestant Reformed School Actual to Budget - Highlights Report

Actual to Budget. July 2021 - April 2022	Jul '21 - Apr 22	Annual Budget	% of Budget
Teacher Classroom	1,500.00	1,648.00	91.02%
Teacher Development - Y/E	10,225.71	12,000.00	85.21%
Technology Supplies	14,256.00	14,000.00	101.83%
Utilities, Electric	17,406.48	23,000.00	75.68%
Utilities, Gas	9,075.59	13,000.00	69.81%
Utilities, Internet & Phone	3,324.44	3,000.00	110.81%
Utilities, Trash	1,611.16	1,700.00	94.77%
Utilities, Water & Sewer	1,271.51	1,300.00	97.81%
Z. Bus Expenses			
Bus Depreciation Fund Trans	14,583.30	17,500.00	83.33%
Bus Driver Cost Subsidy	585.00	1,000.00	58.50%
Bus Driver Payroll	21,014.00	22,918.00	91.69%
Bus Driver Payroll Taxes	1,242.92	1,700.00	73.11%
Bus Driver Workers Compensation	1,111.93	1,000.00	111.19%
Bus Insurance	2,179.25	2,100.00	103.77%
Bus Repair	6,260.11	7,000.00	89.43%
Gas and Oil	10,350.82	11,000.00	94.10%
Transportation Supervisor	1,250.00	1,250.00	100.00%
Total Z. Bus Expenses	58,577.33	65,468.00	89.47%
Total Expense	957,269.61	1,256,994.00	76.16%

FEDERATION, PUBLICITY, CIRCLE CONTACT COMMITTEE REPORT

Dan Boeve, Chairman
Dan Kalsbeek, Jason Kregel

Our committee corresponds with the Federation of Protestant Reformed Schools to keep Hope School aligned with other Protestant Reformed schools in education, technology, and teacher compensation. While we participate in the Federation Association Annual Meeting, much of the work is carried out by the Federation Board. This year the President is Marc Scholten, Kyle Bruinooge is the Executive Director, and Jon Bult is the Technology Director. Other members are Rick Noorman, Dan Pastoor, Jon Drnek, and Jordan Kamps. The Federation Board has been working on a special issue of the *Perspectives* focusing on the need for more teachers. Look for it to come out soon. They have also been developing a Mentoring program to encourage experienced teachers to pass on their knowledge to newer teachers. Please keep these men in your prayers as they work behind the scenes to keep our Protestant Reformed Schools unified in teaching our covenant youth.

In May, fellow school board member Brad VanderVeen and myself stopped by school at lunchtime to grill hamburgers for the teachers and staff. We did this to show appreciation for their work and it gave us an opportunity to visit with the staff over a good meal. The School

Board has done a number of these teacher appreciation meals and special treats throughout the year with different board members participating.

Our committee is also communicating with the School Circle to pass along potential needs or projects for the school throughout the year. Through their fundraising, they provide funds for projects that are not planned on in the yearly budget or that are of a special nature. One of the fundraisers that the School Circle routinely does is catering for wedding receptions. Income is created by coordinating volunteers to prepare food and serve it at the event. I have benefited directly by using Hope's catering this past winter for my daughter Breanna's wedding. The food was great, and the volunteers worked hard to keep things running smoothly. We will also be using Hope's catering for my daughter Rebecca's wedding this June. On behalf of the Board, our committee would like to thank the School Circle for the work they do to assist Christian education at Hope.



SCHOOL CIRCLE NEWS

SCHOOL CIRCLE REPORT

Lynn Oosterhouse, Secretary

"For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land" Song of Solomon 2:11&12. As one more year of covenant education winds down for the summer, we would like to thank the teachers, aides, support staff, administrator, secretary, School Board and many volunteers for their labors.

In this past year we made pigs-in-the-blanket and volunteered for events such as Teacher Appreciation Week, Love Lunch, Grandparents' Day, and the 75th Anniversary celebration. We sold Moelker Orchard fudge, Keycards, Motman's gift cards, and TRIP. Once again in this past year, the School Circle has been providing hot lunch to the students every week and organizing snack sale every other week with the help of all the school's mothers. This year Fun Night was held in the Fall and it was an enjoyable night. Taste of Hope and the Jog-a-thon were new fundraisers for us this year and they went really well.

Thank you to all the supporters of Hope School. We greatly appreciate your attendance at our events and the gifts you give. We covet your prayers as we continue our work in the years ahead. May God continue to bless our efforts that we may do all to His glory.

A TIME OF REFLECTION

Mrs. Deb Hoeksema, Kindergarten

At the end of our Kindergarten year, the Kindergarteners write a little report on their moms as part of our Mother's Day present. As we reflect on our moms, I do so with sadness this year. I have had several friends whose mothers have gone to glory during the course of the school year. Some have had their fathers go to glory, including my own father-in-law. I guess that I am getting to be advanced enough in age that this isn't uncommon for many of my peers. Although we mourn with those who have lost a loved one, we discuss in class how we shouldn't be sorrowful for those who have left this earthly life. For they have been granted their eternal reward – the goal that we all long to attain. They are in perfect fellowship with our Maker, our Redeemer and our God. In God's perfect timing, He will bring each one of us to join Him. Until then, we will soldier on, giving Him honor and glory for all things, our loving mothers included.

Here are the questions about their moms that the Kindergarteners have responded to in writing. I have the students write their own answers without any help. It always amazes me how strong they are at sounding out the words by the end of the year. It seems that each year, their answers get easier and easier to read. I will include their actual spelling and then translations for those who aren't as experienced at translating Kindergarten responses.

I love my mom the most when she:

- hogz my and win she rbs my bac (hugs me and when she rubs my back) – Anna DeVries
- snugl (snuggles) – Selah Kuiper
- gits I kreme (gets ice cream) – Isaak Van Uffelen
- bys me a prasit (buys me a present) – Max Vander Veen
- kesses me (kisses me) – Lincoln Doezema
- tickze mee (tickles me) – Oakleigh Peterson

My mom makes the best:

- cuces and brones (cookies and brownies) – Breelyn Bylsma
- sinum rols (cinnamon rolls) – Lizzy Oosterhouse
- chocolate layer cakes with strawberry frosting (no translation needed – this sounds worth trying though) – Rebekah Tanis

One thing I love to do with my mom is:

- wotr the flawer (water the flowers) – Brecken Vogel
- pla gams (play games) – Monroe Kalsbeek
- clnen up (clean up) – Davith Kalsbeek
- kulr (color) – Hannah DeBoer
- baken (baking) – Remy Cammenga
- go to the prc (go to the park) – Julia Huizinga

One thing my mom always says is:

- go in the cre (car) – Willem Engelsma
- go to yor rom (go to your room) – Sawyer Van Oostenbrugge
- sa u vrs (say your verse) – Ryan Kleyn

- you need a bath – Brielle DeVries (She loves her mom the most when Mom gives a bath, so hopefully this is why she hears this so often.)

One thing I would tell next year's class is:

- Kinagrdin is so fun (Kindergarten) – Victoria Langerak
- Can I pla with you? (Can I play with you?) – Frances DeMeester
- Kin I play you? (Can I play with you?) – Cody Hanko

These last student responses help me look forward to the incoming class. The new students always seem like they have so much to learn and accomplish, but yet, each year, they astound me with their ability to do it. It sounds like I have several assistants who will help me welcome this new class in a few months. It will be here in no time. I will end this article as we end each day in Kindergarten – Mizpah!

WITH GREATER APPRECIATION

Mrs. Val Minderhoud, 7th Grade

Our schools are a treasure; a precious gift given to us by God for the good of His children. Perfect children with perfect faculty and staff do not gather there but those truly dedicated to honoring God as they each go about their calling, whether as student or teacher. I have had the unique and unexpected privilege of getting an “inside look” at that dedication within our schools and observed firsthand the life within our classrooms. It was a marvel to observe how so many are working so diligently in so many different ways for the collective good of our children.

The cooperation between all involved was particularly seen in a willingness to humbly learn from one another. Each day conversations took place between teacher and teacher, teacher and student, as well as principal and teacher; considering what would God have us do and what was best for each student. Board members also gave of their time to watch over the work and offer encouragement. We love our children, yet instructing the covenant youth is not easy work; it is to be reminded of our own weaknesses as well as that of the covenant youth every day. Yet, the Lord provides. With cooperation from our covenant homes, the help of gracious fellow teachers, a competent and selfless secretary, and a principal who wisely cares for and oversees so many things; those within our schools experience the blessedness of God's providing hand. In addition, many times the Lord has used the encouraging words of parents, grandparents, and fellow church members to uplift a weary teacher. Many times busy mothers have asked to help in whatever way they could. I have observed a humble recognition that it takes many working together, all using their gifts; filling that which is lacking to instruct the covenant children. It was uplifting to see the love for our schools in so many varied ways throughout the year.

Also, being able to witness firsthand the interaction of our children within the classroom was a unique experience. Yes, they sinned; but there was also sorrow, turning, and growth. They shared in each other's joys and hardships and prayed for one another. They showed honor to me as a teacher - someone unexpectedly placed upon them. It was a testimony to the power and goodness of God shown within the lives of our children as they grew in understanding of how to dwell together as a body of believers.

I am thankful for our little school and my place there for a time. I finish the year with a greater appreciation for all that goes on in our schools (as well as a bit of relief that God has provided a teacher for next year.) In our schools our children can observe the dedication of others and be encouraged in word or example to walk likewise: to consider the needs of others, to be gracious, to be humble, to work diligently, and to love one another for Christ's sake. Knowing we walk with God and that we walk with God together, we dare go forward in the work of our schools each day. Laboring together in Christ we see our schools as a gift from God, seeking wisdom and strength from Him alone. May God be pleased to give us our schools and faithfulness within for years to come.



Throughout this school year the seventh grade class worked on various projects from the books of Job, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes; all books we covered in our morning devotions. What follows are excerpts from student essays on a text they chose from the book of Ecclesiastes.

Ecclesiastes 3:13 tells us that everything we have and all that we can do is a gift from God. It speaks to us on the subject of eating and drinking. In the Bible, eating and drinking always pictured enjoying life and having fun. We should enjoy our lives here on this earth, but we should always remember that obeying God is more important than having fun. We have to always make sure that enjoying the spiritual blessings God has given us such as reading and discussing His Word are more important to us than enjoying the fun things in life.

~ Anna De Vries

A good name is better than precious ointment; and the day of death than the day of one's birth. Ecclesiastes 7:1 This text teaches that I should live my life to the glory of God and not have earthly treasures as my goal in life. I should live my life to praise God and be known as a child of God. All earthly things will be gone at the end of life, so I should focus not on outward things but spiritual things, and look forward to the day to be with Christ everlastingly.

~ Sara De Vries

Ecclesiastes 7:6 is telling us that the laughter of fools profiteth nothing. The laughter of fools is just as the crackling of the thorns under a pot. Thorns being burned under a pot make a great noise and a great blaze. The fire rises then goes back down again. Resulting, the thorns profit the fire nothing. The laughter of fools is exactly like the thorns under a pot because the laughter of fools is noisy and flashy, but it is not true joy. ~ Kohen Hanko

Ecclesiastes 9:2 is an important verse because it talks about how everything is one event to either kind of person. (whether clean or unclean, wicked or righteous.) All things come alike to all. This passage is important to us as a Christian to remember that God loves us. There are events that happen because God makes them happen. ~ Chase Kooienga

The verse I chose was Ecclesiastes 9:18. This verse talks about wisdom being greater than weapons of war. It also talks about how one sinner in a community can destroy much good. This verse reminds me in my life that weapons made on this earth can be powerful, but the

weapon of wisdom is much more powerful. When I fight the enemy with wisdom, I will win. Wisdom is how I must fight the devil. I must fight him with wisdom. I cannot possibly fight him with weapons of war. When I fight the devil with wisdom, I already have an assured victory in Christ, but I cannot neglect the old man of sin. ~ Micah Kuiper

Ecclesiastes 1:17 tells us that we should not give our hearts to folly, madness and wisdom, but give our hearts to God. Giving our hearts to folly, madness, and earthly wisdom is a vexation of the spirit or bad for our soul. I am called to love God and not give myself to the madness and folly of this world by doing wrong things or acting like the world. I must not make an idol out of earthly wisdom and knowledge. ~ Shane Mahtani

The text I chose was Ecclesiastes 2:26. This text speaks of how God gives to those whom he loves and has saved in Christ many spiritual blessings; such as wisdom, knowledge, and joy. These three blessings are mentioned, not because they are the only blessings God gives us, but because God chooses to give these blessings together. God blesses us with the right amount of wisdom to apply the knowledge we have been given, and to joy in those blessings.

~ Lydia Minderhoud

Wisdom is better than strength and I need to grow in Wisdom. So this affects my life by being like Jesus trying to be perfect. Sometimes our words are not heard but we know our words will be heard when we go to heaven. This gives us comfort by knowing the wisdom that is the perfect sacrifice of my savior, Jesus Christ. Wisdom is a virtue that I need to grow in as a Christian young man. ~ Xander Peterson

Ecclesiastes 5:12 means that when I work for a living I will be content and will be able to sleep knowing God is with me. However, the rich who do not work cannot sleep because they are too worried about all their riches being stolen. As a Christian, I am to work for a living (when I get old enough). I should be content with what I have worked for. God will give me rest.

~ Jake Rutgers

I chose Ecclesiastes 2:13 because it talks about wisdom and folly, as does most of the book of Ecclesiastes. "Wisdom excelleth folly." We must be wise and not foolish. Solomon came to the conclusion that with folly there is no satisfaction. We do have satisfaction because we have wisdom, true wisdom, which excelleth folly. ~ Olivia VanDenTop

In the second half of Ecclesiastes 7:9 it tells us that if we are hasty or quick to be angry we are acting as the devil wants us to act because it says that is what the wicked do. Whenever we feel rage or anger within ourselves we must think before we act and approach with humility. We must always ask ourselves when we feel anger if this is what the devil wants or if this is what God wants us to do. Answering this question, we must always choose the Lord, as we deal with the situation. ~ Simon Windemuller

GOD'S MAJESTY AND MAN'S FOLLY

Mr. Nate DeVries, 8th Grade

God has allowed man to develop marvels of technology which have revealed more and more of His awesome power and majesty. One such marvel that has been developed in recent years is the space telescope. Although a number of these are in orbit currently, the most well-known is the Hubble Space Telescope, which has taken incredible pictures of outer space, confirmed existing scientific theories, and opened secrets of the cosmos totally unknown previously. One significant accomplishment of the Hubble was proving the universe is expanding, the discovery of which is credited to the namesake of the space telescope itself, Edwin Hubble, long before there was such a thing as a space telescope.

Interestingly, as the understanding of this discovery developed, evolutionists also believed this expansion would have to be slowing as the energy from the Big Bang was lost; however, this is not the case as the Hubble has shown; the rate of expansion is actually increasing. Another accomplishment was the discovery of approximately 4,000 planets existing outside of our solar system. In addition to these revelations, Hubble has proven that black holes, areas of incredible mass and density in space, are quite common throughout the universe and that there are multitudes of galaxies of all shapes and sizes contained within the universe.¹ Many other discoveries have been made in the three decades Hubble has been in space, orbiting at an approximate elevation of 350 miles above Earth's surface, and it will continue its observations even as a new, more advanced replacement has been successfully launched into space. This exciting new space telescope is named the James Webb Space Telescope. After spending 10 billion dollars and inventing a number of new technological devices, NASA and other collaborating space agencies finally launched the James Webb telescope late last year, the culmination of the over thirty year project. This new telescope is currently in its orbit at the 2nd Lagrange point, just under 1,000,000 miles from Earth in a unique area of space where gravity from Earth and the sun are able to balance the orbit of the telescope. After reaching its orbit point, the telescope has been busy deploying, calibrating, and testing its array of equipment, currently in the last preparation stage which NASA calls "commissioning its instruments".² This process should be complete in the next month or so, and by mid-summer, the James Webb will begin transmitting pictures of deep space back to Earth. By utilizing infrared light detection systems rather than visible light, the James Webb will be able to see farther into the universe and take clearer and more precise pictures of distant objects than the Hubble has been able to do. This new space telescope will surely show far more of the beauty, power, complexity, and vastness of the depths of the universe. Unfortunately, we also know this new, incredible understanding, which should open men's eyes more to God's amazing works, will be used by the world to deny Him. In fact, the very purpose of the James Webb telescope, as clearly stated by NASA, is a denial of God. In NASA's own words:

The James Webb Space Telescope represents a giant leap forward in our quest to understand the universe and our origins. How did the universe begin? Are we alone in the cosmos? Webb will help us answer scientifically significant questions about the early universe, the formation and evolution of galaxies, the birth of stars and protoplanetary

¹ See <https://www.nasa.gov/content/discoveries>

² See <https://www.jwst.nasa.gov/index.html>

systems, and the properties of planets within and outside our solar system. Webb is the first observatory capable of observing the very earliest galaxies, and perhaps even some of the first exploding stars.³

Scientists also hope to find water on other planets as well as some type of life since, in the context of evolution and the Big Bang, it is statistically impossible for complex life to be found only one place in the universe. It is no surprise, however, that an amazing machine such as the James Webb telescope, constructed at an extreme cost and including very advanced technology, will be used primarily for the purpose of denying God. No surprise because God tells us: "Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened..." On the other hand, for us as Christians it offers wonderful opportunities to see more clearly the extent of the creation, the extant beauty found in it, and the incredible complexity which forms the cosmos. What a wealth of knowledge and information is available to us that reveals so clearly an Almighty Maker of the earth and the heavens. May this give us all the more reason to praise God!



8th Grade Student Writings:

THE "GOD OF ORDER AND TRUTH"

By Raquel DeVries

To solve a quadratic equation, the quadratic formula is needed to work it out. First, the quadratic equation must be in its standard form, $ax^2+bx+c=0$. The formula can be used for all problems that are in this form. This is one wonder of God we can see in His creation. Next, we see God's handiwork in the discriminant, or the value which is equal to b^2-4ac . Before solving the whole quadratic equation, the discriminant number should be looked at. This is necessary because the number of solutions is helpful to know before the problem is solved. If the discriminant is positive, there will be two real solutions. Also, if the discriminant is equal to zero, the number of real solutions is only one. Nevertheless, if the discriminant is a negative number, there will be no real solutions. This is because a square root cannot be a negative number to have a solution. Although this equation may be hard to learn, and there may be a different number of solutions, the most important part is that God made this perfectly for man to use.

In the quadratic formula, we can see that God is the "God of Order" and the "God of Truth." Everything God creates is perfect, and the quadratic formula is only one thing we can see His order in. As the God of order, He has made everything to happen at the exact time as planned and to work out for the elect's good. Additionally, as the God of truth, He makes everything straight and accurate. For a quadratic formula to work out, the equation must be accurately put into the formula, or the wrong answers will be your outcome. Because He is the God of truth, everything He has created is straight and true, that is, except the wicked who walk in a crooked way. All creation, along with the quadratic formula, shows that God is the God of order and truth.

³ See <https://www.jwst.nasa.gov/content/webbLaunch/needToKnow.html>

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE WRITING PROCESS AND OUR SPIRITUAL LIVES

By Samantha Meulenberg

In the past three months, while writing essays and studying the writing process, we realized that the important steps of writing are related to our understanding of scripture. Before writing an essay, it is necessary to organize our thoughts and ideas. In relation, as Christians, we are instructed to study the word of God and have a clear understanding of scripture so that we can grow as children of God and fight against false teachings. As we write, it is important to be clear and defined in our writing in order for it to be understood. In connection, while being instructed either during devotions, school, or catechism, we are clearly taught the word of God so that we can understand and be edified. Before completing our essay, we must revise and edit, which means going through, adding details, and checking for incorrections. In correlation, we are continually taught the word even though we have been instructed even as young children in familiar Bible stories such as the Creation and Jesus' death on the cross. However, as we increase our understanding of the scriptures, new information is added to each story. This year in our study of Ezra and Nehemiah, the vast amount of gospel truths that can be found in a familiar Bible story truly stood out to me. When we complete the writing process, the result should be a well-formed and written essay; furthermore, by our continual instruction and knowledge of scripture, we grow in our love of God and his word and show that we are God's children in all that we do.

EVEN IN THE GREENHOUSE EFFECT

By Sidney VanderVeen

In a process called the greenhouse effect, certain gases and different wavelengths of light determine if the sun's rays will be reflected or absorbed by Earth. Only light with short wavelengths can enter the atmosphere. While the sun's rays can be absorbed by the earth's cold ground, already warmed ground reflects the rays back into the atmosphere and changes the wavelengths of light from short to long. These long wavelengths are blocked from leaving the atmosphere by greenhouse gases. Carbon dioxide, methane, and nitrous oxide are some examples of these gases. Radiation, the emission of rays from warm surfaces back into the atmosphere, warms the earth through the greenhouse effect. Through the reflection of the sun's rays, the earth is heated perfectly for our survival according to the plan of God.

Because of the care God has for His people, He created all things for their good, including the greenhouse effect, so that the earth's temperatures do not fluctuate extremely. If they did fluctuate, we would not be able to survive in the freezing conditions at night or in the hot weather during the day. Even in focusing on a single process like the greenhouse effect, we can see God's providential planning and care for us. In 1 Peter 5:7, we read, "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." As children of God, we know that we do not have to worry about anything because God cares about us as seen in the creation of this earth. His love and protection over us will never end. Without the greenhouse effect that was perfectly planned by God for our benefit, we could not live on earth, so we must praise and thank Him for His care for us.

GOD'S POWER AND WISDOM IN SAND

By Levi Mahtani

The grain of sand, though small by itself, can, with a multitude of other grains, build huge sand dunes. Sand is important for dune building, for without it there would be nothing to form a dune out of. A Christian can see three possible ways that sand was deposited in the Great Lakes Region. First, it could have been created that way on the third day of creation. The second theory of how sand could have been deposited, the Flood, would easily have enough power to smash up the land, break down rock, and deposit sand in different areas all around the world. The third possibility is that glaciers carried, broke down, and dropped sediments in different areas as they receded. This glacial receding would not happen because of Creation or the Flood, but rather would occur because of the end of an ice age.

Even in a seemingly small and unimportant material such as sand, we can see God's infinite power and wisdom clearly shown in sand accumulation. He created all things in His immeasurable wisdom, and in His power He continues to uphold it all. His vast wisdom is shown to be impossibly (from a human point of view) immense when we see how He may have used massive chunks of ice to serve His purpose in transferring sand. His omnipotence is further shown in the strength, the intensity, the breaking apart, and the smashing together of everything in the flood. We must show our thankfulness to God for His majestic power shown in all aspects of creation and show our thanks to Him that we may call this great and powerful God Our Father, the word "Our" revealing to us that we can confide in Him and that He will protect us.

GOD IS OUR ROCK

By Brooklynn Meulenberg

Petrology, the study of rocks, shows all the different types of rocks and their main characteristics. Rocks are solid materials found in the earth's crust. There are three general types of rocks that have been discovered by geological scientists. The first type of rock is igneous rock, which is made from hardened magma or lava from volcanic activity. Because they are made from magma or lava, they are either intrusive rocks or extrusive, meaning, the lava has either cooled slowly or quickly. The second type of rock is called sedimentary rock. Unlike igneous rocks, these rocks are made from compressed sediments and can be clastic or non-clastic. If a sedimentary rock is clastic, then it is formed from sediments with pieces of other rocks in it, and if they are non-clastic, then it is formed from sediments that are not clasts of rocks. The third type of rock is metamorphic rock. Because metamorphic means change, this type of rock is put under extensive pressure to be foliated or non-foliated. When these rocks are foliated, they are changed so that their crystals are flattened to be arranged into parallel layers. But non-foliated means the opposite; they don't have layers. Although rocks are hard and are always physically changing, we know that God is our rock and that he will never change or leave us. 1 Samuel 2:2 tells us that there is none like our God. He is our strength and will never leave us or forsake us, and we will always be able to lean on Him as our rock. Rocks are firm and sure, and they will never fall, like in Luke 6:48. We can take this verse as a comfort in our lives. We can build our lives on God, and he will sustain us and will never break. Furthermore, we can see rocks, not as a boring subject, but as a picture that God is our Rock.

THE MIRACLE OF HUMAN LIFE

By Miriam Marcus

Human development, a subject that leaves even secular scientists in awe, is a testament to Christians of how omnipotent God is. When two male and female gametes combine, they form a zygote, which takes twenty-four hours to complete. As mitosis occurs, a process that allows the cells to duplicate, there are two cells; each one is called a blastomere. The cells continue to divide and receive nourishment from the mother. Once the blastocyst attaches to the mother, cell growth and differentiation occur, and at the end of week three, the blastocyst is considered an embryo. After this, the blood, kidney, and nerve cells begin to develop, followed shortly by the baby's brain, spinal cord, and heart. This continues until the baby is born, nine months after conception. The miracle of a new human life is vastly undervalued by the world; while the world continues to overlook the works of God, we continue to see how awesome the process is.

As stated in the Belgic Confession article two, the wicked are without excuse after seeing God's design in creation. Every cell has to line up to create a unique human being; the world is willing to sweep this under the rug, marking human development a choice for the mother to kill or save out of convenience. Seeing God's power, we give praise and glory to Him and wonder about his vast design. When we see how every process, beginning with a child's development, is orderly, we are reminded that our God is a God of order. Imagine that every human alive began as two gametes, showing that even the most powerful of men begins because of God's design. All of humanity overlooks and underestimates God's power; however, it is unlimited, giving us reason to show our gratitude to Him, glorify Him, and honor Him, loving Him with our whole hearts.

THE ORDERLINESS OF GOD SHOWN IN PROTEIN SYNTHESIS

By Jeremy Rutgers

Protein synthesis, the complex process of making proteins from DNA, reveals the providence and orderliness of God. The acronym DNA stands for deoxyribonucleic acid, which is in the shape of a double helix. Although DNA has two strands, only one of them, which is called the template strand, is needed. Protein synthesis includes two steps which are called transcription and translation. During the first step, transcription, the template strand is copied inside the nucleus of a cell onto a one-stranded messenger RNA. RNA and DNA are both made from nitrogenous bases, which each code for a specific thing. After the RNA strand has been copied from DNA, parts of it called introns are cut out by a spliceosome because they are not needed. Then, the messenger strand leaves through a pore in the nucleus and travels to a ribosome located in the cell. After this happens, the translation stage starts. Next, the messenger strand goes through the ribosome while transfer RNA adds amino acids. Each set of three nitrogenous bases on the messenger strand are called codons. Each codon codes for a transfer RNA which has a complementary anticodon. It is this transfer RNA which carries an amino acid. As each codon on the messenger strand enters the ribosome, the complementary anticodon meets it and releases its amino acid. These amino acids then leave the ribosome connected together in order in polypeptide chains. These chains then are joined together to form a specific protein. This whole process shows the providence and orderliness of God. This process, which we need to live, happens continuously every day. If even one amino acid was out of order, the whole protein would be non functionable. God made man so perfectly that all things, even this

function of our body which is too small to be seen by our eyes, happen without us even needing to think about it. This elaborate process of making proteins clearly shows us the orderliness of God and his wondrous and providential design.

GOD'S MARVELOUS CREATION OF UNCHANGING NUMBERS

By Joseph Oosterhouse

Math and especially geometry are pictures and creations of God that we oftentimes think aren't very important. Geometry is using math to find the area, volume, or surface area of shapes. We think that knowing how to find the volume of, for example, a triangular prism, will never help us in life; however, it is very important to us. The formula to come up with the volume of a triangular prism is $\frac{1}{2} \times \text{Base} \times \text{Height} \times \text{Length}$. We might forget that formula, casting it off as if it isn't important. But it is! It is very important. We see the power of God in it. This formula is an unchanging formula. No matter if the shape is massive or small it will always be the same equation to solve it. The measurements of the shape might change, but even then the numbers themselves are unchanging. The number one will always equal one. It will never equal anything other than one! This is a picture that God created to picture himself. In Exodus 3:14 it says, "And God said unto Moses, I Am That I Am: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I Am hath sent me unto you." God says that He is and was and always will be the same. He is unchanging just like numbers and math formulas; however, there are some differences. Some of the differences are that shapes and numbers are weak, imperfect, and created signs while God is perfect, all powerful, and uncreated. Math also shows order in God's kingdom, and it shows that God created His kingdom to be orderly. We can look outside and see the sun, the leaves, the flowers, and we are never surprised at the fact that a flower's petals look the way they do. They are orderly; however, the world is corrupted by sin, so there are some times when a leaf or flower petal is misshapen. In shapes and numbers such as these that are not corrupted by sin, we see a small feeble picture of God and Christ our Savior as the unchanging, incorruptible, and orderly God.

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SUPPLY LISTS

Kindergarten

Backpack	Pillow (15'' x 15'' max)
Folder w/ pockets	Gym shoes - velcro style
Scissors	2-3 large glue sticks
Crayons (24)	Eraser
Pencil box/holder	Colored Pencils (optional)
Journal Pictures	
*Please label all items	
*We provide "fat" Tri-Write pencils	

1st Grade

KJV Bible (2 nd semester)	Scissors
Pencil box	Folder (2 pocket)
12 pencils	1 large eraser
Gym shoes (labeled)	Washable markers
Colored Pencils	16-24 crayons
2 glue sticks	

2nd Grade

KJV Bible – large print if possible	
Pencil box	Gym shoes (labeled)
12 Pencils (#2)	2 large erasers
2 solid glue sticks	1 Spiral notebook
16-24 crayons	Scissors
Colored pencils	Old sock for whiteboards
Washable markers	(2) 2-pocket folders

3rd Grade

KJV Bible	12 pencils (#2)
Glue stick	2 large erasers
Colored pencils	Scissors
Washable Markers	Gym shoes
Crayons (optional)	Wide-ruled paper
Pencil box	Paint Shirt (labeled)
(3) 2-pocket folders	
2 red pens	
1 spiral notebook	
3 (100 ct) packages sticky notes	
Old sock for whiteboards	



4th Grade

KJV Bible	Notebook paper
Pencils/Erasers	Scissors
Gym shoes (labeled)	3-ring binder
2 Red pens	Binder dividers with 5 tabs
Colored pencils	Glue Stick or Elmer's Glue
Ruler w/ inches & cm	



5th Grade

KJV Bible	Pencils/Eraser
Crayons	Scissors
Pencil sharpener	Notebook paper
3-ring binder	Gym Shoes
Glue stick or rubber cement	
Binder dividers with 5 tabs	



6th Grade

KJV Bible	3 ring binder w/ 6 folders
Psalter	Pencils
Notebook paper	Scissors (good)
Gym shoes (labeled)	Colored pencils
Eraser	Ruler
Pens	Black felt tip pen
Highlighter	Dry erase marker
1 - 5 subject notebook	Pencil Sharpener
Basic calculator	Glue or rubber cement
Protractor (3.75 inch)	

**All 6th-8th grade students will be issued a free assignment book



7th & 8th Grades

KJV Bible w/ references, concordance, and maps
Blue/black pens
Several red pens
Colored pencils
Pencils
Scissors
Something in which to carry above items
Notebook paper
Binder w/ folders
5 subject notebook
Ruler
Protractor & compass
Scientific calculator - TI-30XIIS (available at school for \$14)
Gym clothes – labeled
Gym Shoes
Single subject notebook (8 th only)

PARENTS:

Please mark your child's items with his/her name, especially clothing items.